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REPORTEDLY NEAR

REF: A) LUSAKA 1500; B) LUANDA 0595

1. LOCAL PRESS ANNOUNCED THIS EVENING GOVERNOR GENERAL
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AND HIS CABINET HAVE SUBMITTED RESIGNATION. PRESS QUOTES

ALMEIDA SANTOS IN LISBON AS SAYING THAT MOZAMBIQUE JUNTA WILL BE NAMED AND POSITION OF GOVERNOR GENERAL HAS BECOME OBSOLETE UNDER NEW CONSTITUTIONAL LAW WHICH RECOGNIZES RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE FOR OVERSEAS TERRITORIES.

2. INFORMED SOURCES STATE MILITARY DELEGATION ARRIVED TODAY FROM LISBON, PRESUMABLY IN CONNECTION WITH NEW JUNTA. BRAZILIAN CONSUL GENERAL BERENGUER HAS REPORT IT ALSO CONNECTED WITH CEASE FIRE. HE SURMISES PORTUGUESE MILITARY LEADERS HAVE TAKEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRELIMO OUT OF SOARES' HANDS.

3. BERENGUER SAID INFORMATION HE HAD FROM SEVERAL LOCAL SOURCES INDICATED AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND FRELIMO ON CEASEFIRE WAS IMMINENT. HE SAID LUSAKA TALKS HAD BEEN CALLED OFF AS UNNECESSARY. HIS LOCAL SOURCES INDICATE AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWING BASIS: A) IMMEDIATE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE (AS OPPOSED TO RIGHT TO IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE); B) PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT TO BE FORMED, WITH FRELIMO HOLDING "SOCIAL MINISTRIES", INCLUDING LABOR, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS (INFORMATION); C) NATIONAL ELECTIONS WITHIN TWO YEARS; D) PORTUGUESE FORCES TO STAY ON 3 TO 5 YEARS. FRELIMO FORCES WOULD CEASE FIRE BUT NOT LAY DOWN ARMS, RATHER COOPERATING WITH PORTUGUESE FORCES, INCLUDING BLACK TROOPS.

4. COMMENT: SINCE THERE HAVE BEEN NO DISORDERS TO BLAME ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AS IN LUANDA, AND IN VIEW ALMEIDA SANTOS' REPORTED STATEMENT ON SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE, WE SEE RESIGNATION OF MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT AS DEFINITELY CONNECTED WITH CEASE FIRE NEGOTIATIONS AND PAVING WAY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING FRELIMO.
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